AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3, in the paragraphs from line 7 through line 30 (Justification for the amendments may be found, for example on page 3, line 27):

However, it was found that when fabrics were woven from vortex spun yarns and treated with the conventional chemistry used on the current products (made from ring spun yarns), the strength characteristics were significantly lower than those of the fabrics made from the ring spun yarns (and too low for certain end uses.) However, it was surprisingly found that with the application of a high molecular weight ethoxylated polyester ~~a particular lubricant~~, strength levels and hand levels approximating those of the fabrics made from ring spun yarns could be achieved.

The fabric also desirably contains about 0.25- 3% of a high molecular weight ethoxylated polyester lubricant (on weight of fabric.) The lubricant can be added at any point in the manufacturing process. For example, in one method of the invention, the fabric is woven, then prepared (i.e. washed) in a conventional manner, then dried, also in a conventional manner. The fabric is then desirably passed through a chemical bath containing a high molecular weight ethoxylated polyester ~~lubricant~~, and other chemicals as may be desired (e.g. flame retardants, repellents, soil release agents, sewing lubricants, etc.) In this embodiment of the invention, the fabric desirably achieves about 80% initial wet pick up, which is reduced by passage over a vacuum slot to about 35% wet pick up. The fabric is then dried and taken up, and it has about 0.25 to about 3% lubricant on the fabric.

The lubricant is preferably in the form of a high molecular weight ethoxylated polyester; however, other types of lubricants may also be used within the scope of the invention, provided that they achieve the requisite aesthetic and performance characteristics.

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